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1. MADRAS CONGEN EAVES ASKED TAMIL NADU INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE ARUL LATE LASTTWEK ABOUT PRESS REPORTS THAT A CELONESE CID TEAM HAD COME TO MADRAS ON AUGUST 7 IN CONNECTION WITH INVETIGATING THE MURDER IN JULY OF THE MAYOR OF JAFFNA (MADRAS 1119). ARUL SAID THAT IF SUCH A TEAM HAD COME, THEY HAD NOT CONTACTED HIM, WHICH WOULD BE UNUSUAL BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS OCCASIONS THE CEYLONSE HAD SOUGHT AND OBTAINED THE COOPERATION OF THE TAMIL NADU POLICE. SRI LANKA DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER KODIKARA ALSO TOLD EAVES HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH A TEAM BEING IN MADRAS.

2. EAVES NOTES THAT WHILE THERE ARE SOME MILITANT TAMILS IN TAMIL NADU SEEKING CLOSER INDIAN AND GOTN SUPPORT FOR TAMILS IN SRI LANKA, DMK LEADERS HAVE NOT GIVEN DIRECT SUPPORT OR ENCOURAGEMENT TO THESE EFFORTS NOR TO THE TUF LEADERS WHO IN THE PAST HAVE VISITED TAMIL NADU IN SEARCH OF ASSISTANCE. DTAHMP MURASOLI MARAN (KARUNANIDHI'S SON-IN-LAW) TOLD CONGEN MADRAS IN JULY 1974 THAT CONTACTS BETWEEN TAMILS IN SRI LANKA AND

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INDIAOERE RESTRICTED, AND CONGEN IS NOT AWARE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT

CHANGE IN THE SITUATION SINCE THEN. WHEN THE BOMB EXPLOSIONS
(THOUGHT TO BE THE WORK OF THE TUF) OCCURRED IN MADRAS LAST OCTOBER, KARUNANIDHI SAID THAT WHILE THE DMK "SYMPATHIZED" WITH THE TAMILS AND THE PROBLEMS THEY WERE FACING IN SRI LANKA, VIOLENT ACTIVITIES WERE A DIFFERENT MATTER AND GOTN WOULD TAKE STERN ACTION AGAINST THOSE INDULGING IN SUCH ACTIVITIES. THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION OF ANY SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL DEMAND IN TAMIL NADU FOR SUPPORT TO THE TAMIL SEPARATISTS, AND SRI LANKA TAMIL LEADER CHELVANAYAGAM WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID IN THE FALL OF 1974 THAT HE HAD NOT HAD THE SUPPORT HE EXPECTED FROM THE TAMILS IN INDIA.
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